GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
TOURISM
LOK SABHA

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Funds Provided under Swadesh Darshan Scheme
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Will the Minister of TOURISM be pleased to state:

(a) whether a scheme namely Swadesh Darshan is being implemented to develop tourism-destinations across the country;
(b) if so, the details thereof along with the tourism projects being developed under the scheme; and
(c) the funds allocated by the Government under this scheme to various States, State/UT-wise?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE FOR TOURISM (INDEPENDENT CHARGE)
(DR. MAHESH SHARMA)
(a): Yes, Madam.

(b) & (c): The Ministry has launched the Swadesh Darshan scheme with a vision to develop theme based tourist circuits on the principles of high tourist value, competitiveness and sustainability in an integrated manner by synergizing efforts to focus on needs and concerns of all stakeholders to enrich tourist experience and enhance employment opportunities. Under the scheme twelve themes have been identified for development initially, namely: North-East India Circuit, Buddhist Circuit, Himalayan Circuit, Coastal Circuit, Krishna Circuit, Desert Circuit, Tribal Circuit, Eco Circuit, Wildlife Circuit, Rural Circuit, Spiritual Circuit and Ramayana Circuit.

During the year 2015-16 under Budget Estimates Rs.600 crore have been allocated under the scheme. The details of projects sanctioned during the year 2014-15 and 2015-16 under the scheme are annexed.
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